



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 05-97

January 18, 2006

Petition of Milford Water Company for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, to issue long-term debt securities in an aggregate amount of up to \$1,000,000.

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On December 29, 2005, Milford Water Company ("Milford" or "Company"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a petition for approval and authorization to issue long-term debt in an aggregate amount of up to \$1,000,000 at an interest rate of 6.75 percent per annum. In this proceeding, the Department will examine issues including, but not limited to, the reasonable necessity of the long-term debt issuance for the Company's stated purpose of refinancing a portion of Milford's short-term debt incurred for the temporary funding of additions, extensions, and betterments to the Company's utility plant, properties, and equipment, and for expenditures for capitalizable additions, extensions, or improvements to Milford's utility plant and properties.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The Department will hold an evidentiary hearing immediately upon the conclusion of the public hearing. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the public hearing or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, February 13, 2006. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for

waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [John.Geary@state.ma.us](mailto:John.Geary@state.ma.us), or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 05-97), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>. Comments or petitions to intervene must also be filed with the Company's counsel, Eric J. Krathwohl, Esq., Rich May, 176 Federal Street, 02110-2223.

A copy of Milford's filing will be available for public viewing during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) at the offices of the Department. Milford's petition will also be available for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 66 Dilla Street, Milford, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact the Company's counsel, Eric J. Krathwohl, Esq., of Rich May, at 617-556-3800, or John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts at 617-305-3500.



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Milford Water Company ("Milford" or "Company") is required to publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing ("Notice") not less than fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, February 15, 2006, in the Milford Daily News and the Worcester Telegram and Gazette.

The Company is required to serve a copy of its filing on the Chairman, Board of Selectmen, and Town Clerk of the Town of Milford, and further required to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary